

HEARTLAND FBLA MEMBERS WIN FOUR NATIONAL AWARDS



Heartland FBLA members traveled to San Antonio, Texas, for the National Leadership Conference held June 28 to July 3. Cody Brown, Sondra Buller, Ashley Quiring, Allison Braun, Bailey Carr, Kaitlyn Quiring and Colton Siebert along with adviser Kristy Most enjoyed the weeklong conference activities. The group stayed at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel. Nebraska was represented by 275 members and advisers who attended the conference to compete at the national level.

While in San Antonio, members had the opportunity to network with members from across the nation, listen to workshop presenters and explore the city. On the first night, the delegation dined at Mi Tierra's Mexican Restaurant and shopped at the Mercado Straw Market, a historic Mexican shopping center. The next morning they visited the historic Buckhorn Saloon and Texas Ranger Museum and toured the San Antonio Missions. At the conference, members listened to Keynote Speaker Patrick Maurer, who inspired students to never lose the joy of childhood and never be afraid of dreaming outside the box. The next two days were filled with competitive tests ranging from Accounting to Word Processing. Heartland members also enjoyed the following activities during the week: tour of the Alamo, a narrated river barge ride, Six Flags Fiesta Texas theme park and shopping on the River Walk and at the Quarry Market Mall.

Nebraska's competitors found their Gateway to Greatness! Nebraska FBLA won 28 competitive event awards. Twenty-six competitors placed in the top ten of their events and five placed first. In addition, two competitors placed first in open events. For Heartland, Ashley Quiring placed first in the nation in Accounting II. She was a National Champion for the second straight year. She also received a cash award of \$1,000. This was Ashley's third appearance at a national conference.

Kaitlyn Quiring placed first in the nation in Word Processing I. She received a cash award of \$500. This was her first appearance at a national conference.

Cody Brown placed fifth in the nation in Accounting II. He received a cash award of \$100. This was his second appearance at a national conference.

Sondra Buller placed seventh in the nation in Hospitality Management. This was her third appearance at a national conference.

Also competing at Nationals were Allison Braun and Bailey Carr in Desktop Publishing and Colton Siebert in Introduction to Business.

Congratulations to the Heartland competitors on another successful FBLA conference!